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FOR GLENNON AND MOELLER

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: NEW YORK INCIDENT

REFS: A. USUN 03094 B. TEARE-MOELLER TELECON AUG 8

FOLLOWING ITEM FROM EA/PHL'S WEEKLY STATUS REPORT OF AUGUST 8 TO EA ASSISTANT SECRETARY HOLBROOKE IS REPEATED FOR YOUR INFORMATION: QUOTE AFTER REPORTS FROM USUN THAT A LAWYER HIRED BY THE PHILIPPINE CONSULATE GENERAL IS PRESSING FOR INTERVIEWS WITH THE NEW YORK POLICEMEN INVOLVED IN THE INCIDENT (AND ALSO ASKING THE U.S. ATTORNEY TO PURSUE AN INVESTIGATION INTO POSSIBLE VIOLATION OF THE FEDERAL STATUTE PROTECTING DIPLOMATS) JOHN MONJO AT YOUR REQUEST RAISED THE MATTER WITH ROMULO ON AUGUST 4. JOHN SAID WE HAD BELIEVED THE INCIDENT HAD BEEN PUT TO REST AFTER MEETINGS BETWEEN
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YANGO AND LEONARD AND HAD BEEN SURPRISED AT THESE NEW REPORTS. ROMULO IMMEDIATELY SAID HE WOULD CONTACT THE CONSULATE GENERAL IN NEW YORK AND THEN WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH MANILA, SINCE QUOTE ALL DECISIONS ARE MADE THE VERY TOP UNQUOTE. WHEN JOHN FOLLOWED UP AT THE ASEAN DINNER THAT EVENING, ROMULO CLAIMED THAT HE HAD NOT BEEN ABLE TO REACH ANYONE AT THE CONSULATE GENERAL BY TELEPHONE. SINCE ROMULO

HIMSELF IS NOW IN NEW YORK, WE WILL ASK USUN LATER THIS
WEEK TO DETERMINE WHETHER ROMULO HAS TURNED OFF THE CONGEN

AND ITS LAWYER. IF NOT, IT MAY BE NECESSARY FOR AMBASSADOR
MURPHY TO RAISE THE MATTER ONCE AGAIN AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL.
END QUOTE.
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